

I also recommend that the inclosed Executive order be made and returned to the Department, reserving from entry and settlement the lands described in the inspector's report, so that further possible locations thereon may be prevented and consequent complications with other settlers avoided pending Congressional action.

Duplicate copies of the correspondence in the case and duplicate drafts of the proposed legislation, which meets with my approval, and of maps showing the present reservation and the proposed addition thereto, are inclosed for submission to the two Houses of Congress.

Very respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, March 14, 1899.*

SIR: For several years it has been represented to the Department that the water and grass on the Navajo Reservation are insufficient to supply the herds of the Indians, and that for that reason perhaps one-third of the tribe are habitually off the reservation on the public domain, where they are in frequent contentions with the whites over water and grass.

Within the past year or two it has been recommended by yourself and other officials of the Department that the reservation be enlarged by extending the line due west from the west boundary line of the Moqui Reservation to the southeast corner of the Grand Canyon Forest Reserve to the Colorado River; thence up that stream to the Indian Reservation. But the Department has had no detailed report as to the number of white settlers or the number of Indians in this territory, nor as to the amount of water and grass, nor as to its desirability as an Indian reservation, nor as to what difficulties might be encountered by the Department if it proposed to add this territory to the reservation.

When you reach that reservation under your orders of January 27, 1899, in reference to the Moen Copie Wash allotments, I desire you to go over the ground carefully and report to the Department all necessary information to enable it to act intelligently in the matter, with such recommendations as in your judgment might best promote the welfare of the Indians, with due regard to the rights and interests of the white settlers of that section.

If upon a more careful examination of the country you should find that the addition of any other section would be more desirable than this, or that the lines should be different from those heretofore recommended, you will report that fact, together with your reasons therefor.

Very respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
*United States Indian Inspector, St. Paul, Minn.*

TUBA CITY, ARIZ., *May 30, 1899.*

*Schedule of improvements on lands occupied and cultivated by David Brinkerhoff in Tuba City and Moencopie Wash, Coconino County, Ariz.*

House, adobe, 15 by 30 feet with addition 15 by 16 feet, pine floors, board roof, three rooms, cloth ceiling.  
House, adobe, schoolhouse and chapel, 16 by 24 feet, with addition 14 by 18 feet, pine floors, shingle roof, 2 rooms ceiled with cloth.  
House, adobe 12 by 20 feet, pine floor, earth roof.  
House, adobe, 16 by 28 feet, board roof, windows broken, floor partly taken out.  
Granary, stone, 24 by 34 feet, two-story, basement underneath entire building, two 20-foot bins, pine floors and shingle roof, with a one-story lumber shed attached, 15 by 20 feet.  
Granary, adobe, 12 by 24 feet, 2 bins, shingle roof.  
Chicken house, 8 by 12 feet.  
Stable, log, 16 by 18 feet.  
Pigpen, 8 by 10 feet.